(a) whether State Governments have been issued any advice or di rections on the issue ot' vehicles transporting chemical substances or hazardous materials;

(b) if so, the details of the direc. tions in this regard;

(c) whether Govemment have consi dered this subject; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYT. LER); (a) to (d) The transportation of chemical substances or hazardous material is governed by Rules 129 to 137 of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules 1989 which were brought into force from 1st July, 1989 and slightly amended with effect from 26.3.93. The changes are always brought to the notice of all concerned including the State Governments. The State Governments are also addressed from time to time to strictly enforce these provisions.

Lack of Infrastructural Facility at Paradip Port for Cargo Movement

3787. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to non-availability of sufficient infrastructural facilities, the cargo movement in Paradip Port of Orissa is less than Visakhapatnam and Calcutta and hence, the producers of Steel, Ferro Alloys etc. have to depend on Visakhapatnam and Calcutta; and

(b) whether the Ministry of Surface Transport is having any proposal to develop Paradip Port; if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYT. LER): (a) As the volume of cargo handled at any port depends on the capacity available and also traffic offering, the Ports of Calcutta and Visakhapatnam handle larger velume of cargo compared to Paradip. Choice of Port by importers and exporters are influenced by a number of factors other than availability of infrastructural facilities.

(b) (i) Construction of multipurpose cargo berth is nearing completion.

(ii) A major project for provision of high capacity mechanised coal handling facilities is under implementation.

(iii) An outlay of Rs. 77.93 crores has been provided in the Annual Plan for Paradip Port which; interalia, includes;

(i) Extension of West Quay

(ii) Second Multipurpose Cargo Berth

(iii) Oil Berth includng reception facilities.

Reimbursement of Excess amount to Karnataka for Maintenance of National Highways

3788. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) what is the amount Government of Karnataka has incurred on the maintenance of national highways in the State, in excess of the allocations during 1990-91, 1991.92 and 1992.93;

(b) whether the excess expenditure incurred by the Government of Karnataka over and above the allocations, has been agreed to be reimbursed; and

(c) if so, why the amount has not been reimbursed to the Government of Karnataka so far and by when it is likely to be reimbursed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYT. LER): (a) The amount allocated to Government of Karnataka for maintenance of national highways during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 and the amount spent by them is as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

1990-91		1991—92		1992—93	
Allotment	Expenditure	Allotment	Expenditure	Allotment	Expenditure
742.83	883.32	990.02	1187.40	1105.87	1677.57

(b) and (c) The amounts are reim-bursed to the State Government to the extent of releases made. No reimbursement is allowed for the expinditure incurred over and above the released amount.

Development of Highways under the Road Development Plan

3789. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Road Development Plan 1981—2001;

(b) if so, what is the total number of Highways (Roads) envisaged for development under the Plan, Statewise;

(c) how many Kms. of national highways have been added upto 1995, as per the Plan, State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that not a single highway has been declared in Karnataka since 1972, though the Plan envisaged at least 3836 Kms. of national highways; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYT. LER): (a) to (c) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the 20-Year Road Development Plan (1981—2001) drawn up by the Indian Roads Congress, which is a registered society under the Registration Act of 1860. The recommendations;/ targets enunciated in this Plan document are basically recommendatory in nature and are intended to serve as reference only for the formulation of the Five Year Plan.

(d) and (e) Three new National Highways having a length of 690 Kms were declared in Karnataka during 1971-72. No new National Highways were declared thereafter in view of the budgetary constraints and inter-se priorities on all-India basis.

उत्तर प्रदेश और मध्य प्रदेश में सड़क परियोजनाओं में धीमी प्रगति

3790. श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश में सड़क परियोजनाओं के संबंध में हुई प्रगति संतोषजनक है :

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में धीमी प्रगति के क्या कारण हैं और सरकार द्वारा इन परियोजनाओं पर कार्य को त्वरित गति से चलाने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर) : (क) से (ग) मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश में सड़क परियोजनाओं की प्रगति, उपलब्ध निधियों के अन्तर्गत सामान्यतः संतोषजनक रही है । तथापि, उत्तर प्रदेश में दो बड़ी परियोजनाओं की प्रगति मुख्यतः संविदात्मक समस्याओं और अतिरिक्त संसाधन जुटाने की आवश्यकता के कारण धीमी रही है । इन परियोजनाओं से संबंधित